



AN OUTDOOR SKILLS CAMP FOR GIRLS 12-15!

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Outdoor Journey for Girls ("OJ") is a 3-day, 2-night workshop aimed at introducing outdoor skills to girls ages 12–15 in a supportive, learning environment where they have opportunities to try things "hands-on". The outdoor skills include: canoeing/water safety, orienteering, fishing, archery, shooting rifles/shotguns, conservation, camping, game care, furharvesting, fish identification, and fish cleaning/cooking. The program is held at the IDNR's Springbrook Education Center, north of Guthrie Center.

*Within the program the girls have the opportunity to become certified in **Iowa's Hunter Education** program.*

OJ instructors are DNR conservation officers, biologists and other personnel, county conservation board naturalists and representatives from other agencies like the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Iowa State University.

OJ began in 1992 with one camp and was expanded to two in 1995. It has been featured in Newsweek and Pheasants Forever magazines, across the state and country on television (including Nickelodeon), and in newspapers. Several states have attended OJ to learn more and possibly start similar camps in their states.

Over 1500 girls have participated---so far. Best of all---Everyone from the participants to the instructors has fun!

Outdoor Journey is sponsored by DNR, Pheasants Forever, and Iowa Women in Natural Resources. If you would like more information on OJ, please contact your local Pheasants Forever Chapter, see the website for the Iowa DNR (www.iowadnr.com), or e-mail outdoorjourneyia@yahoo.com.

